

### **REMARKS**

The comments of the Examiner as set forth in the official office action of April 1, 2004 have been carefully studied and reviewed. In this action, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 16, 17, 23 and 25 have been amended. Claims 3, 22 and 26 have been canceled. New claims 30 through 35 have been added. For the reasons set forth below, it is respectfully urged that the present application is in condition for allowance and allowance is requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter set forth in claim 3 that was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 16 has been amended to include the subject matter set forth in claim 22 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 25 has been amended to include the subject matter set forth in claim 26 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance.

New claim 30 is essentially a rewrite of claim 19 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 31 is a essentially a rewrite of claim 20 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 32 is essentially a rewrite of claim 21 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 33 is a rewrite of claim 27 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Claim 34 is a rewrite of claim 28 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance. Finally, claim 35 is a rewrite of claim 29 which was indicated to be in condition for allowance.

It is believed that this response places the present application in condition for allowance. If for any reason this response does not place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned and an expeditious effort will be made to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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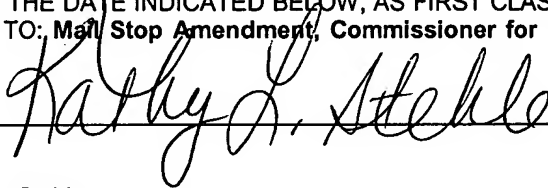
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